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SUBJECT :- Arms to South Africa

JACK COLE: This is Vermont. For over a year now, a federal grand jury has been meeting here. Their investigation concerns a corporation based here, and the evidence they have been hearing links the quiet little town of North Troy to a series of clandestine arms shipments.

The containers on board that ship, the Tugelaland (?), were loaded with sophisticated artillery shells, and this is where those shells came from, this remote and somewhat mysterious site straddling the Canadian border and belonging to a company calling itself the Space Research Corporation.

Good evening. I'm Jack Cole for World.

A little over a year ago, we revealed that those shells went to South Africa, a country said to be strategically and economically vital to the West, but a country whose racial -- racist policies, really, make it an outcast from the world community.

In shipping shells, munitions to South Africa, Space Research violated not only the U.N. arms embargo, but United States law.

Tonight we will show that SRC was acting not alone, but with the acquiescence of the State Department and the active support of the Pentagon and the Central Intelligence Agency.

In May 1977, the S.A. Tugelaland was sailing from New York to Cape Town. On the way, she made an unscheduled stop at a small port in the Caribbean. Here, she picked up 36 containers belonging to the Space Research Corporation. The shipping papers